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Composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/7/57).

2. In its resolution 61/159, the General Assembly requested the High Commissioner to submit a report on the composition of the staff of the Office of the High Commissioner to the Human Rights Council at its fourth session and to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session. That report was submitted to the Human Rights Council at its fourth session in March 2007 (A/HRC/4/93), and an updated report, reflecting the composition of the staff of the Office in 2007, was submitted to the seventh session of the Human Rights Council in March 2008 (A/HRC/7/57). The latter report, which was transmitted in conformity with the annual reporting cycle established by the Commission on Human Rights (see Human Rights Council decision 2/102), is hereby transmitted to the General Assembly for its consideration.

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